Redthread

Croydon University Hospital Newsletter
Quarter 1, 2023-24



- 54 total referrals (4% increase on last quarter)
- 78% male, 22% female



- 21 young people engaged for longterm work
- 39% of referrals engaged for longterm interventions



- 16 cases closed
- 11 young people completed their planned intervention



 80% of young people engaged said they were at high risk of harm from other young people

Case Study - Shaq

Shaq presented at Croydon Hospital claiming to have fallen on broken glass. He later disclosed that he had been stabbed to one of our team members. Shaq needed to have his sutures removed, but he had potential rivals in the area around CUH. The team arranged to have him come through a side-door and had him wait in a private room while he waited to be seen.

Shaq was neglected since he was 14 and he was forced to deal drugs to survive. Shaq no longer felt safe in his area and wanted support moving out of the borough. The team helped him approach another local authority for housing, first setting him up on UC and then obtaining a supporting letter from the police to get priority on the waiting list.

When Shaq was moved, the team asked South Norwood Community Kitchen to put out a call to it's community members for items to furnish his new flat. They were inundated with donations and even provided Shaq with a TV and a Playstation.

Pride Month is a chance to celebrate the people we work with & the young people we support!
Creating safe spaces for all to be themselves is what we do, so we want to shout out to our team & services for the work they do:

@Mermaids_Gender, @stonewalluk & many others

"Thank you so much for yesterday, even staying at work a bit later for her. You really didn't have to, just wanted to say thank you so much, we both really appreciate you and what you did x"

- Friend of a young person that attended the ED

"Since you moved me out my minds been clearer. Thank you for always checking on man and making sure I'm good."

 Young person supported by Redthread

Feedback from our young people



Interview with our new youth worker, Morgan

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself

A: I am a qualified social worker that worked as a paediatric Health Care Assistant at Kings College Hospital. I met the Redthread team at KCH and knew I wanted to do hospital-based youth work.

Q: What do you find special about being a youth worker?

A: I feel like it's much more hands-on compared similar jobs in the sector. I get to build a better rapport with young people than statutory services.

Q: What do you do to relax after a stressful day being a Youth Worker?

A: I like to go for walks in the park and at the beach. I also like activities like bowling with my family.



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Referral Criteria

- Male or female, aged 12-25
- Assaults with or without a weapon
- Concerns that an individual is impacted by criminal exploitation or gang affiliated
- Concerns or disclosures of domestic violence, sexual violence, including historic sexual violence/abuse
- Concerns of Child Sexual Exploitation
- Please always refer if you're unsure

Community Partner Spotlight - Walk With Me UK

WalkwithMeUK is an award winning, non-judgmental support and guidance service. They equip parents, carers and guardians with lifelong tools to manage challenging behaviours amongst children and young people (5yrs+). They use the Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) approach to reduce conflict and to start building love, empathy and respect. They want families to remain connected by strengthening and rebuilding relationships.

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